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### ***Policy***

#### **From the WIC Certification Manual - 215.14 Precertification of Pregnant Women Mailing WIC Identification Cards**

WIC Identification Cards may be mailed to a pregnant woman who was precertified using referral data if she is the only member of her household receiving WIC benefits.

Mail the WIC Identification Card in a separate envelope from the checks; do not mail checks and a card in the same envelope. This envelope must be stamped Return Service Requested. Enclose a letter with the required text.

The following text is required in the letter:

Enclosed is your WIC Identification Card. The person who will use the WIC checks at the store must sign the front of the card under Authorized Signatures.

You will receive WIC checks in the mail soon. Be sure to keep them with this card.

Take this card to the store when you use WIC checks. It is the only identification you need when you use WIC checks.

Bring this card every time you come to the WIC clinic. It is the only identification you need to pick up WIC checks.

The enclosures include the WIC Identification Card and a plastic folder.

## Reports

### Clinic Activity Report

The Clinic Activity Report shows the number of initial certifications, certifications (terminated participants who reapplied and were certified again), pre-certs, incoming VOCs, terminations, and agency transfers for each clinic within an agency for a specified date range. See policy 330.45 to see a detailed explanation of each of these terms. This report can be used to monitor clinic activity over time and determine whether there is adequate availability of appointments at each site.

## Resources

### WIC Grant Opportunity

Share Our Strength awards grants to nonprofit organizations, schools, and other eligible organizations who are involved in the following activities:

- Increasing access to summer meals programs supported through the Summer Food Service Program or the National School Lunch "Seamless Summer" Program.
- Educating and enrolling more eligible families in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program.
- Increasing the availability of school breakfast through alternative models such as "in-classroom" breakfast and "grab-n-go" breakfasts.
- Increasing access to afterschool snack and meal programs, as well as child care programs, supported through the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).
- Advocacy around any of the above anti-hunger issues.

Average Grant Size: \$5,000 - \$10,000. For more information go to:

<http://www.nokidhungry.org/solution/community-investments>.

## Don't forget...



### Collecting Breastfeeding Data

Baby's breastfeeding status must be updated in the data system at every contact with the infant or the infant's mother until breastfeeding is terminated or the infant/child leaves the program. Breastfeeding data is required for all infants certified up to 24 months of age.

Breastfeeding data is used for the CDC surveillance reporting systems to capture ever breastfed; duration of exclusive breastfeeding; age at first introduction of anything other than breast milk; and duration of breastfeeding. For this reason you should not have fewer than 2 lines in the breastfeeding history table. For example:

- If the baby started out breastfeeding the day he/she was born and has since terminated you would have the date and the status for the day it was born (either exclusive or other/food beverage if it

was supplemented that day in addition to the breastfeeding) and then the day mom stopped breastfeeding and the reason why.

- On the other hand if baby continues to breastfeed you need to record the breastfeeding status for the day it was born (exclusive if it was not supplemented or Other/food beverage if it got even a little formula that day) and at minimum what is going on the day you are seeing the baby. (i.e. still exclusive, or other/food beverage if was supplemented in the past or still occasionally supplemented but not needing formula from WIC or the amount of formula < or > 1 can formula in the first month or <,> ½ formula package if mom is needing formula from WIC).

Note: If baby was supplemented in the hospital even one time or occasionally takes formula but mom does not need formula from WIC the status should be recorded as Other food/beverage for accuracy in the breastfeeding data. This status will allow mom to receive the Exclusive breastfeeding food package for herself. See policy 215.67 and the Breastfeeding Status Definitions within that policy or the link on the breastfeeding tab in IWIN for more information.

### ***Dates to Remember***

#### **2012**

- Contractor's Meeting – January 29, 2013
- New Employee Training Course – February 27 & 28, 2013
- Maternal and Breastfeeding Core Workshops – March 27-28, 2013
- New Employee Training Course – April 29 & 30, 2013
- New Employee Training Course – June 26 & 27, 2013
- Contractor's Meeting – August 20, 2013
- New Employee Training Course – August 27 & 28, 2013
- Infant and Child Core Workshop – August 29, 2013
- Communication and Rapport Building Workshop – October 29, 2013
- New Employee Training Course – October 30 & 31, 2013

### ***Available Formula***

<b>Product</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Expiration Date</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Peptamen Jr. with fiber	1 case (24 - 8 oz) plus 9 - 8 oz	1/1/2013	Mid Sioux Opportunity	Glenda Heyderhoff 712-786-3488
Peptamen Jr. with fiber	36 - 8 - oz	3/1/2013	Mid Sioux Opportunity	Glenda Heyderhoff 712-786-3488
Bright Beginnings Soy Vanilla flavor	8 oz RTU cans in cases of 6 17 cases (102 cans)	3/2013 and 2/2013	Siouxland District Health Department	Jean Sterner 712-279-6636
Pediasure 1.0 Enteral	1 case (24 cans)	7/1/2013	Pott County	Kris Wood 712-238-5886

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EleCare Jr. Unflavored Portagen	1 containers – 14.1 oz 5 containers – 16 oz	8/2013 8/2013	New Opportunities	Sharon McDonald Williams 712-830-1329
Elecare Unflavored	8 containers 14.1 oz powdered	4/1/2014	Edgerton Women's Health	Jen Clasen 563-359-6635
Compleat Pediatric Unflavored	4 cases (24 – 8.45 oz. cans per case)	4 – Feb 2013	New Opportunities	Sharon MacDonald Williams 712-830-1329
Pediasure Peptide 1.5 Cal Vanilla	1 case (24 RTU containers) 3 cases (72 RTU containers)	3/1/2013 6/1/2013	Broadlawns	Rose Logan 515-282-5800